

ACAPT BOARD BRIEF



December 2025

DEAR MEMBERS,

The ACAPT Board of Directors met on December 12, 2025, and I wanted to share a brief update on the conversations and decisions most relevant to you and your programs. As always, our focus remains on supporting academic physical therapy, strengthening our community, and responding thoughtfully to a rapidly changing environment.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (ELC) UPDATES

We reviewed feedback from the 2025 Educational Leadership Conference and were encouraged by the strong response to the content, networking, and location. At the same time, we heard your suggestions for improvement, particularly around micro-learning, diversity of sessions, conference timing, increased networking opportunities, and poster sessions. Any changes we make moving forward will be grounded in our strategic plan and informed by your continued input, as well as AOE's.

COMMISSION FOCUS AREAS

The Board discussed proposed focus areas for ACAPT commissions, with particular attention to clinical education and the Data Advisory Committee.

To ensure this work is meaningful and mutually beneficial, we will be convening conversations with key stakeholders across member programs, volunteers, and partner organizations. These discussions will help us better align commission efforts with real-world needs while strengthening collaboration across ACAPT.

TASK FORCE FEEDBACK AND SUPPORT

We also took time to reflect on how the Board supports our task forces. We are reviewing our internal processes to provide clearer, more timely, and more actionable feedback, both during charge development and throughout the life of task force work.

Our goal is to ensure volunteer leaders feel supported, have clear direction, and can move important initiatives forward efficiently.

FY2026 BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Board approved a fiscally conservative FY2026 budget that balances sustainability with strategic investment. Planned investments include improvements to our data infrastructure, website, and learning platforms, all aimed at better serving members and strengthening ACAPT's long-term capacity.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RISE NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS

We spent significant time discussing ongoing developments related to the OBBA negotiated rulemaking regulations affecting professional education programs. ACAPT continues to work closely with legal counsel, advocacy partners, and peer organizations to monitor developments and respond as new information emerges. We have also officially outsourced a new lobbying partner to help us create and leverage connections on the Hill.

Member engagement and data remain critical to these efforts, and we will continue to share opportunities for town halls and grassroots efforts as this work evolves.

ACAPT BOARD BRIEF



December 2025

LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY PLANNING

Finally, the Board began early conversations about leadership continuity and future officer pathways. These discussions are part of a broader effort to ensure stability and thoughtful transitions during a period of change. The Board is continuing this discussion, and we will keep members informed of any developments.

LOOKING AHEAD

In the coming months, you can expect:

- Continued updates and engagement opportunities related to advocacy, along with a more visible and defined ACAPT presence on Capitol Hill
- Requests for member input and data to support national advocacy efforts
- Ongoing refinements to conferences and educational offerings
- Continued investments in tools and platforms that support your work

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As we close out the year, I want to wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season and a healthy, fulfilling new year. Thank you for the work you do every day to educate future physical therapists and advance our profession. I am grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead.



community.acapt.org



acapt@acapt.org



www.acapt.org